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OF EMERGENCY **PAGES 3, 4 & 6**



Try to enjoy Christmas without us ...

Metro won't be publishing
on Dec. 25 — but be sure to
pick up our year-in-review
edition on Boxing Day!

J-Law crushes Miley like a wrecking ball

Actually, the entertainer
of the year vote was pretty
close — but in the end, class
managed to beat sass **PAGE 14**

Good joke! Be sure to tell it to the warden

United Arab Emirates jail
eight people, including an
American, for up to a year
over satirical video **PAGE 8**

Ladies, please! I'm married



International A-list celebrity Santa Claus is greeted with rock-star adoration by a throng of fans. For those eating out on Santa's big day, Metro has put together a list of delectable menu options in Toronto. See story, page 6. IAN WILLMS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE; PHOTO ILLUSTRATION: DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO



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505 Hood Rd., Unit 12
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Power slow to return for many

Outage. The prospect of a Christmas without electricity appears imminent for thousands of residents

Despite two days of round-the-clock work to get Toronto back on its feet after a crippling ice storm, half-a-million people are still without power and it seems all but inevitable thousands will spend Christmas Day in darkness.

"We can't work any faster," Mayor Rob Ford said at a press conference Monday afternoon, flanked by the officials in charge of essential city services.

More than 100,000 Toronto Hydro customers had their electricity turned back on Monday, Ford said.

But that comes as cold comfort to the 195,000 customers still without power in the city Monday night, and the 80,000 Hydro One customers outside the GTHA. Each customer represents about two-and-a-half people, according to Toronto Hydro.

The mayor has not declared a state of emergency, saying Monday morning that the city was "not even close" to an

Help is on the way

- On Tuesday, about 100 hydro trucks will begin to arrive from Windsor, Ottawa and as far afield as Manitoba and Michigan.
- The reinforcements will aid Toronto utility workers, hundreds of which have cancelled their Christmas vacation plans.

emergency situation.

"As you can see, things are improving," Ford said. "We believe the worst weather is now over."

The question of whether Toronto should declare a state of emergency has become a source of tension behind the scenes, as doing so would transfer all authority to Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly.

Kelly told CP24 on Monday "there is a considerable feeling" a state of emergency should be declared.

As they wait for their homes to be heated again, residents have been urged to seek shelter in warming centres around the city, including a dozen Toronto police stations.

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Firefighters investigate an uprooted tree and a downed live wire in the Midland and Sheppard area in Scarborough on Monday. VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Cancer visits family for a second Christmas



Mars, 7, makes "ninja stars" out of Popsicle sticks at Sick Kids hospital. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

All Mars wants for Christmas is some new Popsicle sticks.

The rambunctious seven-year-old boy can't get enough of them. He uses them to make little "ninja stars" for the epic hospital-room battles with his mom.

Positioned in attack mode on his hospital bed, bright-eyed Mars steadies his aim.

"Activate shields!" shouts mom Leaf Worsley, lifting her

black cardigan over her head just in time to deflect an explosion of little wooden sticks.

"Oh, goody, goody!" Mars yells between peals of giggles.

This is how the mother and son have passed the time at Sick Kids hospital since Mars was diagnosed with leukemia in April. With Christmas just days away, they expect they'll be here for the holiday.

"I don't think very much

about the future," says Worsley, 38, in a quiet moment after playtime. "We don't have any plans for Christmas, but I'm just OK with that right now."

It is the second year in a row the family from Bancroft, Ont., is spending Christmas with cancer. Last year, Worsley, a high school math and science teacher, was undergoing intense chemotherapy in Oshawa for a HER2 strain of breast cancer,

one of the most aggressive types.

While some might see the family's double dose of cancer as the worst of luck, Worsley has found the silver lining.

"We felt lucky that we had done this before. I understood exactly what he was going through," she said. "I knew what he could expect, and that was good."

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Lina Sanfrancesco and her asthmatic 4-year-old son Noah have no heat or electricity in their home due to the ice storm and took advantage of the warming centre in Malvern Community centre in Scarborough on Monday.
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Storm: Scarborough one of the hardest hit areas in the GTA

Clean up, repairs may take days. Spotty cell reception, downed wires, dark traffic lights, power outages, cracked branches strewn everywhere ...

Quoted

"I've never seen anything like this before. I've never, ever had to be in this position, ever."

Lina Sanfrancesco

their home near Port Union Road and Lawrence Avenue East, Sanfrancesco headed to Rouge Valley Centenary hospital where there would be heat and doctors — just in case.

"It was our only solution to be warm," she said. "His asthma gets worse in the cold."

Sanfrancesco is just one of thousands of Scarborough residents praying for the power to return as temperatures are expected to fall by Tuesday morning.

Scarborough was one of the worst-hit areas of the GTA, with spotty cellular recep-

tion, downed wires, dark traffic lights, power outages and frozen cracked tree branches strewn across icy lawns and roads. Clean up and repairs are expected to take days.

"I'm just so worried about Christmas, because they're saying it could be Friday now (before power returns)."

At 5 a.m. Monday, Sanfrancesco heard about the city-operated warming facility at Malvern Community Centre. She and her children, including 13-year-old Piera and 15-year-old Nathaniel headed there in a taxi to sleep in their clothes on green cots under Red Cross-issued fleece blankets.

Ten warming centres are operating 24-7 as long as necessary, according to Red Cross officials, and volunteers expected Malvern to fill up overnight. Toronto police have also opened warming centres at several detachments. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

How about a free dinner while you wait for a generator?



Canadian Tire store manager Brian Rattray in his store's warehouse at Lake Shore and Leslie with pre-sold generators waiting to be picked up by customers. **CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

As power outages from Saturday night's ice storm dragged into Sunday afternoon, crowds descended on Canadian Tire looking for generators. Some were disappointed — at first.

The store at Leslie and Lake Shore managed to find 55 at a Brampton warehouse and arrange a special delivery to the store, where customers bought them up before they even arrived.

But by closing time at 7 p.m. Sunday, the generators still hadn't showed up and about 50

people were still waiting.

The store stayed open until about 7:30 p.m., said Canadian Tire spokesperson Sarah Van Lange.

Then it closed up — and took the waiting customers out for dinner.

"We let the customers wait in the store for a certain period of time, and then we made a decision to make it a little more comfortable for them," said general manager Brian Rattray.

About 50 people crossed

the parking lot to Boston Pizza where Canadian Tire treated them to food and non-alcoholic drinks while they waited.

The generator delivery arrived at about 11 p.m.

"It's really nice that, not only were we able to get the generators, but at the same time, staff were more than willing to wait to help unload the truck and to help the customers," said Rattray.

"The whole thing was a very feel-good situation."

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200,000 still powerless

Demand for generators was high and growing on Monday, Rattray said, as Toronto Hydro was warning that some of the 200,000 homes still without electricity might remain in the dark until the weekend. Temperatures are expected to fall to -15 C in coming days.

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Toronto faithful worship at altar of Yeezus

Bound 2 B spectacular.
Kanye West sells out 2
Toronto shows Sunday

"I'm just gonna get crazier. I'm just gonna get scarier."

Two consecutive sold-out nights at the Air Canada Centre are just further confirmation to Kanye West — as decreed by Yeezus himself at the conclusion of a combative 15-minute tirade dropped between the third and fourth acts (and, yes,

there were definitely "acts") of Toronto's first look at the spectacularly mad Yeezus road show on Sunday night — that Kanye West should keep on doing what Kanye West is doing, no matter who it alienates.

Who, one might ask, is he really alienating? The scorchingly antisocial Yeezus, West's sixth solo album, is emerging through aggregate critical consensus as the best-reviewed album of 2013.

Sunday's ACC horde seemed as utterly fine with submitting to the acid-industrial electro-

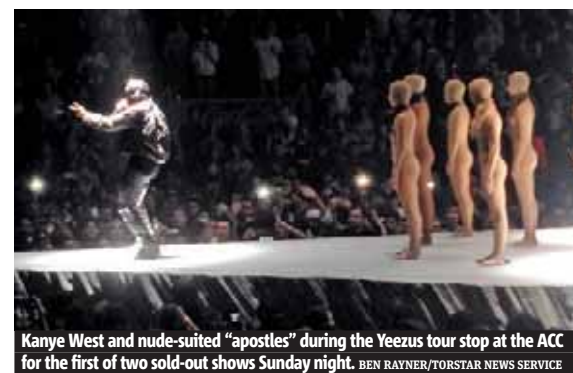
punk battery of openers On Sight, New Slaves and Send It Up, anyway, as it eventually would to the old-skool-Kanye familiarity of Stronger, Diamonds from Sierra Leone and Jesus Walks to come during the more than two hours of hubristic, but thoroughly entertaining, hip-hop performance art to follow.

The show's only real derailment came during the aforementioned rant, when West betrayed the gnawing insecurity that keeps his messiah complex fascinating by over-

defending himself for far too long — abetted by AutoTune, no less — against the media "haters" and corporate-record-label overlords who would never, you know, permit a guy like Kanye West to make one of the bravest and most acclaimed mainstream records of the year and then mount a ridiculously self-indulgent, million-dollar tour in support of it.

Dude, you're not a victim. You're doing it. You're actually changing the game. Relax. Just keep doing it.

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Kanye West and nude-suited "apostles" during the Yeezus tour stop at the ACC for the first of two sold-out shows Sunday night. BEN RAYNER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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Ont. headed to another minority government: Poll



NDP Leader Andrea Horwath with Finance Minister Charles Sousa.
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Ontario appears headed toward another minority government with an election expected as early as this spring, a new poll suggests.

The final province-wide Forum Research survey of the year found the Progressive Conservatives at 38 per cent, the governing Liberals at 31 per cent, the New Democrats at 24 per cent, and the Greens at 5 per cent.

But Forum president Lorne Bozinoff said the results actually indicate another Liberal

minority government because the Conservatives over-perform in rural ridings and fare poorly in and around Toronto.

Bozinoff said the data suggests if an election were held now the Liberals would win 51 seats to the Tories' 43 and 13 for the NDP.

Currently, the Liberals have 49 seats, including Speaker Dave Levac, the Tories 36, and the NDP 20 with two vacancies in the 107-member legislature.

"I know it looks like a

strange result to have the Tories seven points ahead but get fewer seats (than the Liberals), but there are so many seats that the Liberals ... (would) win by one or two percentage points," said Bozinoff.

"The Liberal vote is amazingly efficient. Whatever they need that's what they have to win these ridings and keep their minority. There's no waste to it. The Tories just pile it on in rural areas," he said.

Because of that and the quirks of the first-past-the-

How it would happen

If NDP Leader Andrea Horwath sides with the Tories to defeat Finance Minister Charles Sousa's spring spending plan, an election would be triggered.

post electoral system, Bozinoff said the Conservatives likely need to be at 41 or 42 per cent to win outright.

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After the storm. Clearing up trees destroyed by ice next big task in the 905

While power has been restored in most of the 905, the cleanup of thousands of felled trees might not go as smoothly.

"If trees have fallen and are affecting access to homes or if there's public safety issues, then call the fire department or EnerSource. Otherwise we can't do anything right now," said Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion at lunchtime Monday.

McCallion and a group of senior city staff were huddled in an emergency meeting at City Hall, but she took a break to address one of the big problems emerging after the weekend ice storm.

Fewer than 500 Mississauga EnerSource hydro customers remained without power as of Monday afternoon after about 20,000 had lost power Sunday, and McCallion warned that if the weather turned bad outages could cascade through the city again. But the biggest concern, now, said McCallion is public uncertainty about the thousands of

downed branches and trees across Mississauga.

"The tree loss is huge. Whole streets have lost trees that are mature. And that's not including parks. People should not expect this to be cleaned up right away. It's too large."

In nearby Oakville it was a similar story: Only 250 homes were without power Monday afternoon, down from 25,000, so attention was on the cleanup effort. Neighbourhoods hardest hit can put out tree debris with their regular garbage pickup until the end of January.

PowerStream — hydro provider for Markham/Unionville, Richmond Hill and Vaughan in York Region — said it had restored power to 75,000 customers in those municipalities since Sunday afternoon. If power was not restored for the remaining 14,100 households by 8 p.m. Monday night, the utility warned that they "may have to be prepared for an extended outage into Christmas."

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An arborist cuts a tree branch dangling from a power line in Brampton on Monday. J.P. MOCZULSKI/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Delectable eats for Santa on Christmas

Dinner splurge. Planning on eating out on Christmas Day? Metro looks at some of the options in Toronto



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After a whirlwind trip around the world delivering presents on Christmas Eve, Santa will need a very special dinner as a reward for all his hard work.

With many restaurants closed on Christmas Day, we've compiled a shortlist of some of the city's top restaurants that are not only open, but serving up special holiday menus, in case Santa needs to refuel in Toronto before heading back to the North Pole.

1. AUBERGE DU POMMIER

In case Santa decides to take Mrs. Claus out for a nice romantic dinner here in Toronto, this upscale Oliver & Bonacini French restaurant, is offering up an indulgent a-la-carte Celebration Menu this month.

With six different courses to choose from, including a lobe of foie gras served tableside for \$60, some mouth-watering 5 oz. A5 Japanese Kobe beef for \$175, or some fine Ossetra caviar served on ice for \$250, Santa can get a taste of some of the dreamiest dishes the city has to offer this Christmas. If the mood



Auberge du Pommier Manager Eoin Cullin carves a whole lobe of foie gras tableside and dresses it with salt and pepper. The menu item is featured on the restaurant's Celebration Menu running through the end of December.

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strikes, Santa can also splurge on an \$800 champagne to celebrate another job well done.

2. CAFE BOULUD

Santa can also get a taste of some of Michelin-starred chef Daniel Boulud's offering's here in Toronto for \$85 a person. Boulud's Christmas menu includes a Nova Scotia lobster salad, paté en croûte, seared foie gras to choose from for

starters, and sunchoke risotto, Nova Scotia halibut or turkey for the main course.

3. TOCA AT THE RITZ-CARLTON

For a "humble, farm-to-table" experience of Canadian cuisine, TOCA's Christmas menu will bring together some of the finest ingredients from local farmers and producers. With a turkey roulade, stripe sea bass, octopus carpaccio and

Get it to go

If Santa's in a rush, he can also order a Christmas-Dinner-to-go to share with Mrs. Claus and his elves.

- The Fairmont Royal York Hotel's executive chef Collin Thornton is offering a deluxe home-cooked Christmas feast for four or eight people for \$195 and \$320 respectively, ready for pick up on Dec. 24 and 25.

many more to choose from, Santa can fill his belly for \$95, plus \$50 for wine pairings.

4. EPIC RESTAURANT AT THE FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK

EPIC, another restaurant in the city that focuses on sustainable local food, is promising guests a five-course festive dinner along with a visit from Santa on Christmas Day.

The hearty selection, which includes a winter-spiced roasted red pepper soup, a seasonal root vegetable composition, a trusty Canadian prime beef striploin, slow-roasted Ontario turkey with apple and turkey sausage stuffing and much more, for \$99.

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Chadian forces wound at least two in drive-by

Young men react after their friend was badly injured by passing Chadian troops during a protest outside M'Poko Airport in Bangui, Central African Republic, on Monday. Hundreds of demonstrators gathered to protest Chadian forces and express support for French troops and other regional African forces. At least two people were wounded as pickups of Chadian soldiers sped through the crowd firing off several rounds. REBECCA BLACKWELL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reputed Montreal mob boss Rizzuto is dead

Vito Rizzuto, the reputed head of the Montreal Mafia who built a powerful criminal organization with international tentacles, died in hospital Monday.

Rizzuto, 67, passed away of natural causes, said Maude Hebert-Chaput of Montreal's Sacre-Coeur Hospital.

His death raises questions about the future of the Rizzuto clan's decades-old empire, which was crippled by his 2006 extradition to the United States.

Rizzuto was arrested by Canadian authorities in 2004 and extradited two years later to the U.S., where he was convicted for his role in the 1981 murder of three Bonanno crime-family members in New York City.

He was sentenced to 10 years in prison, minus time served while awaiting extradition.

He returned to Canada following his October 2012 release. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Vito Rizzuto THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Pussy Riot is free, but say it's not a victory

'This is a hoax and a PR move.' Band members say their release is a 'cosmetic measure,' call for ban on Olympics

Two members of the Russian punk band Pussy Riot walked free Monday, criticizing the amnesty measure that released them as a publicity stunt, with one calling for a boycott of the Winter Olympics to protest Russia's human rights record.

Maria Alekhina and Nadezhda Tolokonnikova were granted amnesty last week in a move largely viewed as the Kremlin's attempt to soothe criticism of Russia's human rights record before the Games in Sochi in February.

"I'm calling for a boycott of the Olympic Games," Tolokonnikova said. "What is happening today — releasing people just a few months before their term expires — is a cosmetic measure."

Another member of the band, Yekaterina Samutshevich, was previously released on a suspended sentence. All three were found guilty of hooliganism motivated by religious hatred and sentenced to two years in prison for a guerrilla performance at Moscow's main cathedral in March 2012.



Nadezhda Tolokonnikova, the third member of Russian punk band Pussy Riot to be released from custody following an amnesty law passed by parliament, leaves prison in Krasnoyarsk, Russia, on Monday. TATYANA VISHNEVSKAYA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The band members said their protest was meant to highlight their concern about increasingly close ties between the state and the church.

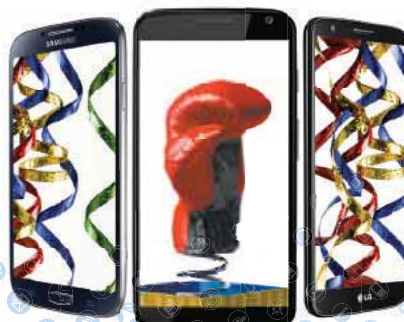
Russia's parliament passed the amnesty bill last

week, allowing the release of thousands of inmates. Alekhina and Tolokonnikova, who were due for release in March, qualified for amnesty because they have small children.

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Regina. Generous cops donate \$415 plus toys to a family hit by thieves

Police in Regina saved the day for a family whose presents were stolen in a break-in.

Thieves broke into the home of a family with three children last week, taking all the family's Christmas presents and a little girl's piggy bank to boot.

Police were called and one of the men in blue, Const. Brandon Boon, saw what happened and decided to do something.

So he passed the hat among his colleagues, and pulled together \$415 in cash, a snow globe, and more than eight kilograms of chocolate.

The Regina Police Association, the officers' union, donated some children's toys as well.

On Saturday, the officers presented the gifts to the family.

Police spokesman Les Par-

Compassion in blue

"They do see a lot of rough things ... It helps make them feel better to do a little good."

Regina police spokesman Les Parker

ker says it's just one of many good deeds officers have done over the year.

"I spoke to just two of our members and they gave me a huge list of anecdotes of the type of stuff that happens at Christmas, and year-round," he said.

Parker listed off just a few, including giving gift baskets to seniors, adopting families and manning the Salvation Army's kettles.

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'Loud and dirty'

Buzzard woes

A Virginia town is looking for ways to get migrating buzzards to buzz off. This year, nearly 100 vultures landed in the Gladetown area of Vinton. An official says the town may kill one. The remains would be hung near the others, which would cause them to disperse. They don't like to be around their dead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Voyeurism charge

Woman says Tom peeped under bathroom stall

Police have charged a man, 47, with voyeurism in Edmonton. It's alleged a man followed a woman into a bathroom of the Lois Hole Library in Callingwood. The woman said the man was on the floor of an adjacent stall, looking up at her.

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Jailed in United Arab Emirates for comedy

Satirical video. Eight people, including an American, sentenced to up to a year for 'defaming the image' of U.A.E. society



Shezanne Cassim of Minn., sentenced to jail Monday for humour crime. COURTESY SHERVON CASSIM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A court in the United Arab Emirates sentenced eight people including an American to up to a year in prison Monday after being convicted in connection with a satirical video about youth culture in Dubai.

The video they produced and uploaded to the Internet was a spoof documentary of would-be "gangsta" youth in the Gulf Arab nation. The state-owned daily The National said they were accused of "defaming the image of United Arab Emirates society abroad." Supporters reported that they were charged under a 2012 cyber-crimes law.

Shezanne Cassim, a 29-year-old U.S. citizen from Woodbury, Minn., became the public face of the defendants after his family launched an effort to publicize his months-long incarceration following his arrest in April.

Cassim, who was born in Sri Lanka and moved to Dubai for work after graduating from the University of Min-

nesota in 2006, was sentenced Monday to a year in prison followed by deportation and received a \$2,725 fine.

Two Indians received similar sentences, while two Emirati brothers were sentenced to eight months. A third brother was pardoned.

Three others, a Canadian, Briton and an American, were convicted and sentenced in absentia to the penalties given to the other foreigners. They have never been detained and so are unlikely to serve their sentences. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Not so funny?

The case has drawn attention from celebrity comedians in the U.S. The comedy video website Funny or Die, co-founded by Will Ferrell and Adam McKay, posted a video earlier this month to raise awareness about Cassim's situation.

- Gulf Arab states have been cracking down on social media use over the past

two years, with dozens of people arrested for Twitter posts deemed offensive to leaders or for social media campaigns urging openness.

- "Basically Dubai, if you want to be viewed as an international place ... don't put people in jail for making silly videos," said Adam McKay.

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October federal deficit totals \$2.5B

The federal government ran a deficit of \$2.5 billion in October, unchanged from the same month last year.

The monthly fiscal monitor said the fed's revenue slipped by \$100 million as an increase in personal income tax and other sources was offset by lower revenue from corporate taxes and the GST. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Smartphones. Apple inks deal with China Mobile as it battles cheaper rivals

Apple's stock rose three per cent in morning trading on Monday, a day after the company announced a long-anticipated agreement to bring the iPhone to China Mobile, the world's biggest phone company.

The deal has the potential to boost iPhone sales in a market where Apple Inc. faces intense competition. But even with China Mobile Ltd.'s vast state-owned network, marketing power

and more than 750 million mobile accounts, the iPhone has enormous challenges to overcome in the world's most populous nation.

Apple's smartphone is already available in China through two smaller carriers, and although it is popular with well-heeled Chinese customers, the iPhone is losing market share to lower-priced smartphones from Samsung and local brands.

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A woman using a mobile phone walks past Apple's logo near its retail outlet in Beijing Monday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Mikhail Kalashnikov. Designer of world's most popular firearm dies at 94



Mikhail Kalashnikov said he slept well as the designer of the AK-47 assault rifle. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE**

Mikhail Kalashnikov started out wanting to make farm equipment, but the harvest he reaped was one of blood as the designer of the AK-47 assault rifle, the world's most popular firearm.

It was the carnage of the Second World War, when Nazi Germany overran much of the Soviet Union, which altered his

course and made his name as well-known for bloodshed as Smith, Wesson and Colt. The distinctive shape of the gun, often called "a Kalashnikov," appeared on revolutionary flags and adorns memorabilia.

Kalashnikov died Monday at age 94 in a hospital in Izhevsk, the capital of the Udmurtia Republic. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHRISTMAS BABY

I'm going to take a moment to abuse my power as a newspaper columnist and send a very Happy Birthday shout-out to my boyfriend. Yes, my poor significant other has a dreaded Christmas Eve birthday. Even his name — Christopher — echoes the omnipresent holiday that falls on his special day.

Often overlooked and forgotten during the busy holiday season, he has quite a few childhood stories of birthdays spent alone at the ice rink and forced "half-birthday" celebrations in June that always seemed a bit lackluster.

He is not alone in his misery. Many Capricorn babies are quite vocal about their ill-timed birthdates and the dreaded Birthday-Christmas combo gifts. Why is it that a joint gift would be a complete outrage for an individual born in June but it's totally justifiable for anyone afflicted with a December 25th adjacent birthdate?

There are even parenting blogs dedicated to helping



SHE SAYS

Jessica Napier

metronews.ca

couples avoid conceiving a baby with a holiday due date. In case you're wondering, it's best to avoid the bedroom around the end of March if you want to skip a Christmastime delivery.

I am blessed with a mid-August birthday which always meant pool parties with friends and sun-kissed picnics in the park. I recognize how fortunate I am — I have never received a tree ornament as a birthday gift — and as such, I believe that all late December babies are fully entitled to their self-righteous whining. Sulk away Christmas babies! Because regardless of whether or not you choose to celebrate, this eternally merry and bright holiday is impossible to ignore.

Competing with Christmas is not an option and so yuletide birthdays will inevitably become an afterthought. Birthday gifts are wrapped in snowman-print paper, tinsel garlands adorn the hallways instead of balloons and banners,

and an abundance of gingerbread cookies and candy canes are placed around the house so that requesting an actual birthday cake seems out of the question.

Worse still is the absence of people willing and available to celebrate your special day. Absentee friends are out of town or suffering from holiday party fatigue. Even those high school acquaintances you never speak to are too distracted to remember to leave an obligatory 'Happy Birthday' Facebook wall post.

Of course there are some perks: Everyone is already in a celebratory mood, you'll probably have the day off work or school, and you'll be surrounded by all of your family (this may or may not be a good thing). If you're very lucky, perhaps some sympathetic friends and family will try to overcompensate with some extra special attention.

But perhaps we can all take a little time this holiday season to do our part to make the neglected birthday boys and girls feel extra special. And please, no combo gifts.

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ZOOM

Photog captures icy bear stare



COURTESY PAUL SOUDERS/NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTO CONTEST

Polar bear pic wins top award

An eerie picture of a polar bear lurking beneath melting sea ice has won the grand prize of the 2013 National Geographic Photo Contest.

Seattle-based photographer Paul Souders captured this striking image last year in Hudson Bay, as the setting midnight sun glowed red from the smoke of distant fires. **METRO**

Q and A

'Hasn't been done before'



PAUL SOUDERS
Wildlife and travel
photographer, 52,
based in Seattle,
Wash.

How did this photograph come about?

In July last year, I travelled to Churchill, Man., and in

my inflatable zodiac boat I found one bear. She swam up to an iceberg, ducked under and stayed underwater for several seconds. She hung there, just below the surface, watching me, then came up for another breath before swimming away.

The polar bear looks menacing yet menacing. How does she seem to you?

It's so spooky, knowing that the bear was peering back at me, so watchful and curious. It really feels like a moment of communion and trust for me.

Why do you think it caught the judges' eyes?

It's pretty tough to create a picture that hasn't been done before, and I think maybe this is one of them.

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Maybe you want to save the environment. Maybe you just want to save time. Or maybe it's Christmas Eve and you forgot to send your mother a card. No matter your reason, Metro has you covered with a few ways to use social media as a substitute for a holiday card.

Facebook:

The world's most popular social media site is actually pretty full-featured when it comes to disseminating holiday cheer. You can craft a simple status update, tag your friends and family in a post, or upload and share a Christmas-themed photo album.

this simple app lets you superimpose text onto Instagram shots. Grandma is sure to love a selfie captioned with "Season's Greetings!"

Touchnote.com:

If you just can't go without the tactile sensation of a tacky Christmas card, consider Touchnote. The site lets you make a card using their online editor and then actually mailing it for you too. No more licking stamps!

Instaquote:

Available for both iOS and Android,

Comments

RE: Nova Scotia Still Bucking Boxing Day Trend By Keeping Stores Closed On Dec. 26, published online Dec. 23

A government shouldn't even have any say on when a business can open or not. We live in a free country.

Mythos88 posted to metronews.ca

Good for N.S. and let's keep it up. Retail workers already get so few real holiday days (because most so called 'holidays' only benefit students/teachers and certain government workers) to spend with their families, now heaven forbid greedy people might have to, gasp, wait two days to buy their Boxing Day sales items!

Jillian posted to metronews.ca

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Bruce Willis wallops the legacy of John McClane for a quick paycheck in *A Good Way to Die Hard*. CONTRIBUTED

Comedy

Grudge Match

Director. Peter Segal

Stars. Robert De Niro

Rocky or Raging Bull, who would prevail in a boxing match? That's the question asked in *Grudge Match*. Robert De Niro and Sylvester Stallone star as retired Pittsburgh boxers who get the chance to step back in the ring to settle a three decade old grudge and make "Kardashian sex tape" kind of money. This is a new story, occasionally funny and touching, but with lots of elements borrowed from other classic movies. **RICHARD CROUSE**

Biography/Comedy

The Wolf of Wall Street

Director. Martin Scorsese

Stars. Leonardo DiCaprio

Set during Wall Street's cocaine and hookers era, *The Wolf of Wall Street* is based on real life brokers Jordan Belfort (Leonard DiCaprio) and Donnie Azoff (Jonah Hill), who snorted and scammed their way to the top, only to become the subject of an FBI investigation into financial corruption. With its fourth wall breaking narration, scandalous set pieces and absurd antics this is a wild cinematic experience. At three hours it's almost as excessive as Belfort's \$26,000 dinners. **RICHARD CROUSE**

Biography/Drama

Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom

Director. Justin Chadwick

Stars. Idris Elba, Naomie Harris

Nelson Mandela's life is so astonishing even Hollywood cannot seem to bring its incredulity to life. Based on his autobiography, *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom* attempts to cram the subject's lifetime battle against apartheid into 139 minutes and the result only dilutes the measure of the late South African President's story. It winds up more encyclopedic than epic. **STEVE GOW**

The worst of film in 2013

Forgettable fare.

In a year of great films, there were still plenty of stinkers



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Metro World News in Hollywood

Yesterday we looked at some of the best films of 2013. Today, to balance out that bright note, we look at some of the dark spots of 2014.

Man of Steel

While there may have been many technically worse films this year, Zack Snyder's bombastic, tone-deaf update on Superman fails on a spectacularly higher level. Consider it a weighted grade. Moralizing, wanton destruction and clumsy product placement are a

tough mix.

A Good Way to Die Hard

Bruce Willis further tarnishes the legacy of John McClane with this loud and un-fun entry that's a *Die Hard* film in name only. Maybe he's squinting the whole time because he can't bear to look at what he's creating.

Safe Haven

Romance-loving audiences deserve better than this poorly executed druck from the mind of bestseller Nicholas Sparks. From the wooden acting to the contrived plot to the limping pacing, this would've seemed bad as a Lifetime movie.

Free Birds

Kids' movies generally get more of a pass critically, but some things we can't let slide. Children deserve

better than this odd, clumsy tale of turkeys stealing a time machine to change the menu at the first Thanksgiving.

The Last Stand

The kitschy 1980s action tropes that made Arnold Schwarzenegger a star just don't work anymore, as the former California governor painfully learned when no one showed up to see his first starring vehicle since returning to acting. Bizarre character actor Peter Stormare attempting a Texas accent almost makes it worth enduring. Almost.

The Host

There's a certain amount of satisfaction to be taken in watching Twilight guru Stephenie Meyer's attempt at a follow-up franchise crash and burn, but it's a shame

it had to involve the lovely Saoirse Ronan. Still, she should come out of this fine.

Delivery Man

Listen, if Vince Vaughn isn't going to bother showing up for his films anymore, why should we? Paying to watch a haggard movie star sleep-walk through scenes doesn't sound like very much fun.

Stand Up Guys

Al Pacino and Christopher Walken as aging wiseguys felt like a throwback itself in all the wrong ways. And in a year dispiritingly full of signs of creeping chauvinism and misogyny, this was one of the worst offenders.

Romeo and Juliet

Julian Fellowes' take on Shakespeare's classic teens at least gave audiences a new appreciation for Baz Luhrmann.



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This girl was on fire in 2013

Entertainer of the year. Jennifer Lawrence is lady of the year for media types

The battle for AP entertainer of the year came down to the Girl on Fire and the Queen of Twerk.

Jennifer Lawrence edged out Miley Cyrus by one vote in The Associated Press' annual survey of its newspaper and broadcast members and subscribers for Entertainer of the Year.

There were 70 ballots submitted by U.S. editors and news directors. Voters were asked to consider who had the most influence on entertainment and culture in 2013.

Lawrence won 15 votes. Cyrus had 14. Netflix was a close third, earning 13 votes for altering the TV landscape with its on-demand format and hit original series.

But Lawrence — who started the year with an Academy Award for best actress, fueled a box-office franchise as The Hunger Games heroine Katniss Everdeen, and wrapped 2013 with a critically acclaimed performance in American Hustle that just earned Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild Award nominations — charmed fans everywhere with her

candid sincerity.

She was also a fashion darling — a muse for Dior — who made headlines with her pixie haircut. ("That was the weirdest thing that ever happened to me," she recently told Jon Stewart.)

Lawrence declined comment for this story.

The 23-year-old actress "is not only talented and beautiful, but comes off as incredibly intelligent, genuine, funny and well-spoken in her public appearances and interviews," writes Kristi Runyan of The Derrick and The News-Herald Newspapers in Oil City, Pa.

"It's refreshing to see a young woman not squandering her talent and success by succumbing to the temptations many do in Hollywood and who actively speaks about the ridiculous behaviour of some of her peers."

Speaking of ridiculous behaviour, Cyrus raised eyebrows throughout 2013 with her embrace of twerking, nudity and public pot smoking. The 21-year-old Wrecking Ball singer also made news with her pixie chop, but her breakup with fiancé Liam Hemsworth and highly sexualized (and scrutinized) performances made her water-cooler chatter all year.

"She made the biggest splash, without comment on whether I thought it was a good thing," said Jim



Jennifer Lawrence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"It's refreshing to see a young woman not squandering her talent and success by succumbing to the temptations many do in Hollywood."

Kristi Runyan of The Derrick and The News-Herald Newspapers in Oil City, Pa. on Jennifer Lawrence

Turpin of KMPH-TV in Fresno, Calif.

Women have dominated the Entertainer of the Year contest.

Past titleholders include Adele, Lady Gaga, Tina Fey, Betty White and Taylor Swift. Stephen Colbert is the lone male winner in seven years of voting.

Netflix commanded votes for changing viewing habits (binge-watch Breaking Bad, anyone?) and challenging the traditional TV-release concept with its original series. The outlet eschewed typical TV pilots and released a season's worth of episodes at once of its acclaimed series House of Cards and Orange Is

the New Black.

"In a divided entertainment landscape that includes the fans of pop princesses like Miley as well as high-minded devotees of cutting-edge filmmaking, Netflix is the one common denominator," said Sean Stangland of Paddock Publications in suburban Chicago.

The beloved, Emmy-winning series Breaking Bad was in fourth place with 10 votes. Justin Timberlake, whose year included a pair of albums and top-selling tours, seven Grammy nominations and two film roles, claimed fifth place.

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The golden age of rap. Praise Yeezus! This year has been great for genre

Recently returned from a long tour, Canadian rapper Shad kicked back and posted an innocuous message to his Facebook page linking to three recent "amazing" Kanye West interviews.

Then he sat back and watched as the vitriolic comments poured in, a dynamic range of rage targeting the provocative Chicago hip-hop hero. Shad responded personally, tossing off hundreds and hundreds of words in defence of West — at the expense of rest.

"I think his interviews the last couple months have been probably the best thing in hip hop this whole year — just super candid, messy conversations about things much bigger than music.... What I've been confronting on my Facebook timeline for the past few hours, it really is disappointing to me. Would you rather just see an endless parade of people promoting rom-coms?"

So West remains a divisive figure for fans. Not for critics, however.

The serrated, stripped-raw Yeezus stood as perhaps the year's most agreed-upon artistic triumph, and as 2013 wraps to a close is rightfully being treated to podium finishes in nearly every music publication, with Time, Spin and Entertainment Weekly among the magazines to hail West's prickly puzzle as the year's best record.

But when Shad — last name Kabongo — says that West's blunt and scattered interviews have stood as hip hop's high point for the year, he's making no minor statement. Because 2013 was a special year for the rap genre, with Yeezus standing only as



Rapper Shad Kabongo. THE CANADIAN PRESS

the lofty lightning conductor in a rap landscape increasingly dotted with skyscrapers.

Scan any of those aforementioned best-of lists and you're likely to see a cluster of the same rap records appearing again and again from such names as Chance the Rapper, Toronto's Drake, Danny Brown, Earl Sweatshirt and Pusha T.

Can what feels like a collective creative renaissance be attributed to mere coincidence, or are other motivating factors lifting the genre to unfamiliar heights?

Theories range, but few would deny that something extraordinary is going on.

"Artists right now are making some of my favourite music in hip hop that's ever been made," said Pittsburgh rapper Mac Miller, who released the well-received Watching Movies With the Sound Off in June.

"I think that in many years this year will be looked back on as a very special time and there hasn't been anything that as a movement has been as big as this since the quote-unquote Golden Age."

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Beyoncé

Attention Walmart shoppers, there's a Beyoncé in aisle four

The Queen Bey visited a Massachusetts Walmart before her Boston concert on Friday and spread some holiday cheer to the tune of \$39,800.

The singer, who might be the only human alive (other than Yeezus, of course) rivaling Miley in the headline-making department, did a mic-check on a Tewksbury Walmart's PA system and announced that she would pay the first \$50 of every customer's purchase.

Which, of course, is super nice. But also, what? What compelled Beyoncé (other than a top notch PR team who

I'm sure gently suggested this might be a not-terrible stunt to pull) to casually drop by a Walmart in nowheresville, Mass., and pay for some last-minute holidays shoppers' layaway crap? I'm not saying it was a bad stunt, I'm just saying it's a random one. Anyway, this is all to say that Beyoncé's image as one of the most likable (and that's saying a lot, because it's pretty easy to hate someone so fabulous)

ladies in the biz isn't in danger of cracking anytime soon. **METRO**



Twitter



@robdelaney

Just saw a Hasidic man & 2 Asian girls laugh at a dog knocking over a garbage can so don't even act like peace isn't possible guys.



@BrittanySnow

I bet cats really hate the fact that they can't hashtag #yolo



@RebelWilson

All this reminds me of when I got kicked out of an 'Open House' Pretty Woman style last weekend coz the broker thought I couldn't afford it

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Holidays in Hollywood



Looks like Duck Dynasty won't be without a home

PAT HEALY

Metro World News

Aw, here's a heartwarming story just in time for the holidays. Thanks to Hunt Channel — a Christian television network that markets almost exclusively in reality shows about Bible-lovin', gun-totin' folks who kill defenseless creatures for sport — Duck Dynasty will not go homeless if A&E decides to drop it on its redneck butt.

A lot of people are calling for the network to pull the plug on Duck Dynasty — surprisingly one of the highest-rated reality shows of all time (proof, I think, of the rapid decline of our intelligence as a society thanks to the Internet and sexting and global

warming or whatever) — after patriarch in charge Phil Robertson's recent eloquent musings on homosexuality. And, apparently, the other Duck Dynasty cast members are among those calling for the show to be yanked.

Robertson's brood of fellow people who like to make the duckies go bye-bye with the boom boom stick have his back, and have recently gone on record saying that they don't want to do the show without him.

Fortunately, the Hunt Channel is making it their business to ensure that they won't have to. A Christmas miracle!

According to a TMZ report, Hunt channel owner Merrill Sport thinks that A&E should "put on their big boy pants" and support the cast of Duck Dynasty for being the unapologetic bigots they are. Further, Sport is more than happy to put on his own pair of big kid trousers and air the show himself. Because, at Hunt Channel, he says, "we don't censor our personalities."



Paul Walker ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Studio puts the brakes on Fast & Furious sequel in wake of tragedy

Universal Pictures has delayed the release of Fast & Furious 7 for almost a year following the death of star Paul Walker.

The studio announced Monday that the Fast & Furious sequel will be released in April 2015, instead of July next year. Shooting on the film was about halfway finished when the 40-year-old Walker died in a car

crash outside of Los Angeles. Walker still will appear in the film, though Universal has not said exactly how it will handle his unfinished performance.

Co-star Vin Diesel first posted the news on Facebook, telling his fans that, "He'd want you to know first."

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Miley beckons us into her boudoir, but do we really want to be there?

Have you guys seen this clip that's going around from Miley's new music video for her song Adore You?

If you haven't, because, I guess, you don't have a google alert set up for "Miley Cyrus" like I do, here's the relevant info:

It features grainy, sex tape-esque footage of Miley, er, pleasuring herself.

I guess we now have the answer to the age-old question "where does one in eternal pursuit of shock value and press go, after humping a foam finger while practically naked onstage?"

But, OK, I don't hate this. Miley Cyrus is a next-level entertainer and whoever is handling her PR right now deserves a big, fat holiday bonus. MyCy (I'm still totally going with this, and don't understand why nobody else has picked this up) was the most-googled person of the year, which is pretty damn impressive considering where she started.

Also, I'm sure there's an opportunity for a think piece on female empowerment and sexual freedom, etc, etc here. I'm not going to write it, I'm just saying there's a window here. **METRO**

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Healthy highs and lows this year

In our look back at 2013: HIV cures, HIV scares and how a pet can save your life

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Metro World News



The next-gen condom couldn't have come sooner. THINKSTOCK

LOW: U.S. porn industry shuts down three times due to HIV scare

Debbie didn't do many people this year. Numerous HIV-positive test results in the U.S. porn industry forced a moratorium on production while all potentially infected performers were re-tested for the virus. Current regulations require porn stars to be tested every 14 days in the U.S., limiting the number of people who could be exposed.

HIGH: The next-generation condom

No glove, no love may be the motto but many men, particularly in developing countries, remain adverse to the prophylactics. To encourage use, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation offered \$100,000 to anyone that could come up with the next evolution of the male condom, with up to \$1 million for additional research. Eleven ideas won the first-round funding, including a condom made out of bovine tendons.

HIGH: Baby "cured" of HIV

While a cure for HIV and AIDS still remains elusive, doctors in Mississippi claimed to have eradicated the HIV virus from a baby by giving her a three-drug regiment within 30 hours of her birth. The mother of the child had not received any pre-natal treatment to prevent transmission, and a blood test had determined that the child was HIV positive at the time of birth. The child, who was two and a half years old at the time of the March announcement, no longer has any traces of the HIV virus in her blood.

HIGH: Face transplants

The practice of transplanting another person's face onto a patient has been around for a few years — and not just on Nip/Tuck. This year, however, marked many improvements in the field. Polish doctors claimed to complete the world's fastest face transplant — a 27-hour procedure just three weeks after the patient's accident.

Meanwhile, several patients in the U.S. who received facial transplants in 2012 were shown to have improved facial sensation just one year later.

LOW: Emergency birth control doesn't work ... sometimes

European pharmaceutical regulators approved a warning label change that would alert users of Norlevo (levonorgestrel) that it loses potency for women over 165 pounds and does not work in women over 176 pounds. The morning-after pill is a form of emergency birth control that was supposed to prevent pregnancy within 72 hours after having unprotected sexual intercourse.

HIGH: A big year for ART

Across the world, more than 5 million screaming bundles of joy are born to people who may have the experience of having a child without fertility treatments. More than half of the 5 million ART babies have been born in just the last six years, meaning the technology is improving.



HIGH: Get a pet, save your life

If you need another reason to convince yourself to get a pet, the American Heart Association confirmed what was once an old wives' tale: that having a pet was linked to lower heart disease, lower blood pressure, lower cholesterol levels and lower levels of obesity.

LOW: Heroin-like drug spreads overseas

For years, Russia has battled a problem with krokodil or desomorphine, an opioid drug in the same family as heroin and oxycodone. It is more potent than morphine, and is easily made with codeine, paint thinner, gasoline and other over-the-counter products. It also is so toxic that it causes flesh to rot off the user's bones, and the average abuser dies two to three years after beginning to use.

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LOW: Energy drinks may kill you

Need a jolt of caffeine? You may not want to reach for that energy drink. A December study linked energy drinks to an increase in heart contractions. In addition, the U.S. government is currently investigating many deaths tied to energy drinks, including 33 hospitalizations and 13 deaths with potential links to 5-Hour Energy.

Half off

Half off: Can health take a holiday?

Three months ago we introduced Metro Winnipeg editor Elisha Dacey who has teamed up with fitness professional Jordan Ciecwa and registered nutritionist Theresa Albert. Dacey wants to lose half of her body weight and has been writing about it in her online blog, Half Off.

"My rule during special occasions, especially Christmas dinner, has always been to take a plateful of everything I want and to eat dessert too," says Dacey. "So basically, I'm not giving up or letting up but I am enjoying myself on Christmas day."

"You're allowed to enjoy the tradition and not feel deprived... and that's just as important to your health as anything else."

Good thinking, says Ciecwa.

"We need to understand that health, fitness and eating well, is not a punishment. There are a lot of great choices, and that's what you need to do 80 per cent of the time. Once in a while, go crazy, eat delicious food, treat yourself. Just don't do it every day and every meal."

He recommends focusing on more activity during festive times too.

"Enjoy the holidays with the family by playing games and moving. That will take you away from situations



You don't need to feel guilty about indulging over the holidays. Plan ahead though. ISTOCK PHOTOS

where all you do is eat."

Albert says whether you indulge or not really depends on where you are on your weight loss journey.

"If you need a break and have been doing well, then go with the 'take a wee break' thinking."

But there are also lots of ways to balance the holidays with activities, healthy choices, and mindful downtime, too. For Albert's guide to managing through the holidays, check out metronews.ca/voices/half-off/

It's important to be gentle with yourself during

this busy and sometimes stressful time, she says.

"What you don't want to do is stress-eat on top of party-eat on top of drink-more. The idea is to get to January without doing more damage to your motivation and spirit as well as waistline."

"With several family birthdays and Christmas, my goal actually this month is to stay the same weight — that will be a success," says Dacey. "Then, I will get back to my routine in January."

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Lean pork tenderloin gets a flavour boost from prosciutto, mushrooms and fresh herbs

My choice for an elegant holiday dinner? It's hard to beat a roast, and more often than not my pick is a lean and moist pork tenderloin.

But let's face it, as much as we want to be healthy, there is such a thing as a roast that is too lean. A lack of fat often means a lack of flavour. So how to make up this deficit? With plenty of high-flavour ingredients such as prosciutto, fresh herbs, mushrooms and wine.

1. Heat the oven to 350 F. Cut down through each tenderloin lengthwise so that you can open it up like a book, but do not cut all the way through. Sprinkle water on the cutting board under the tenderloin and sprinkle a little water on top of the tenderloin (this will help prevent the meat from tearing when you pound it). Cover the tenderloin with plastic wrap and pound the meat using a meat mallet or rolling pin until it is about 1/2-inch thick.

2. Sprinkle half the rosemary and thyme leaves all over the inside of each butterflied and pounded pork tenderloin and spread the prosciutto evenly in one layer over the herbs. Beginning with the long end, roll up the tenderloin tightly, tucking in the ends (as you would a burrito). Use kitchen twine to tie the roll in a bundle, tying it every 2 inches.

3. In a large nonstick skillet over medium-high, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil. Season the pork lightly on all sides with salt and pepper, then add it to the skillet. Sear until golden brown on all sides. Transfer the pork to a shallow baking pan, then roast on the oven's middle shelf until the centre reaches 145 F, about 20 to 25 minutes. Remove the pork from the oven and cover loosely with foil.

4. Meanwhile, make the sauce. Return the skillet to medium heat. Add the re-

Double Pork Roast with Mushroom Marsala Sauce



This recipe serves six. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

maining 2 tablespoons of oil and the shallots and cook, stirring, until the shallots are golden. Add the mushrooms and cook, stirring often, until the mushrooms give off all their liquid and are lightly browned.

5. Add the Marsala and simmer until almost all of it is reduced. Add 1 cup of the chicken broth and bring back to a boil. In a small bowl whisk the remaining 1/4 cup of chicken broth with the flour. Add the flour mixture to the skillet in

a stream while whisking and simmer for 2 minutes. Add any juices from the resting pork to the sauce.

6. Slice the pork crosswise into 1-inch-thick slices. Transfer several slices to each of 6

Ingredients

- 2 pork tenderloin roasts (3/4 to 1 lb each), trimmed of all fat
- 2 tbsp packed fresh rosemary leaves, chopped
- 2 tbsp packed fresh thyme leaves, chopped
- 4 oz thinly sliced prosciutto
- 3 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup finely chopped shallots or onion
- 1/2 lb mushrooms (cremini, white button, shiitake, oyster or a mix), trimmed and sliced
- 1/2 cup dry Marsala wine
- 1 1/4 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 tbsp all-purpose flour

serving plates. Spoon some of the mushroom sauce over each serving. **SARA MOULTON/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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How to eat, drink and stay healthy this holiday

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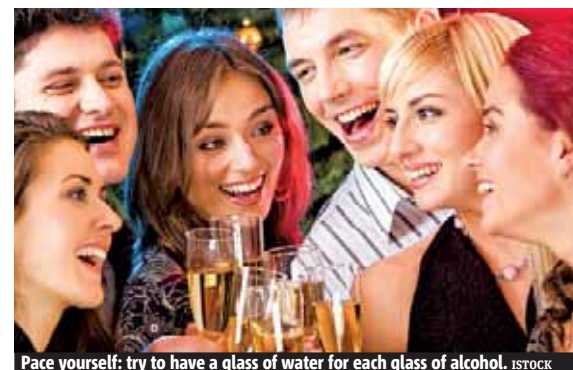
Between overindulging and contracting colds, this time of year can take a toll on your vigor

The holidays are a time to burn your candles at both ends, but you have to be careful not to flame out. The pressure created by a combination of social events, family get-togethers, shopping and financial stress can easily weaken or overwhelm your immune system.

Eating

Make sure you neither eat too much, nor too little. Overindulging will not only put on a few extra holiday pounds, but makes you more likely to develop esophageal reflux from a distended stomach at bedtime. This overnight trickle of stomach acid bubbling up into the back of your throat while lying flat in bed can not only cause heartburn but may also lead to a sore throat or dry cough.

This is not only a nuisance that is often mistaken for an upper respiratory infection (common cold), but may ac-



Pace yourself: try to have a glass of water for each glass of alcohol. ISTOCK

tually increase your odds of getting a sinus infection or bronchitis by decreasing your resistance. Eating too little may make you more likely to get intoxicated, as the alcohol in a glass of holiday cheer is absorbed much more quickly from an empty stomach.

Drinking

With so many social obligations and reasons to celebrate, there is ample opportunity to drink alcohol on a daily basis — and lots of it. Try to drink a glass of water with each alcoholic beverage (one for one). Don't drink and drive, and

don't let your friends drink and drive.

Being healthy

The 2013-14 influenza season has officially arrived in North America and there are any variety of cold viruses around that have been making people miserable with sore throats, nasal congestion and coughs. Shaking hands, kissing under the mistletoe and travelling on a plane can all spread illness rapidly. Get a flu shot, wash your hands frequently, keep your hands away from your face and blow kisses where you can. **METRO**

Five steps to becoming a millionaire

Entrepreneurship. Kim Kaupe describes how to go it alone, even if you don't have start-up cash or a business background

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Three years ago, 28-year-old Kim Kaupe quit her job to pursue a business idea she brainstormed with her co-founder. Now, she's the head of multi-million dollar company ZinePak. Like many people who have a gem of an idea, Kaupe didn't have a business background or any start-up money. Still, she went for it. Kaupe shares her tips with us so you can pursue your own great idea.

1. Find a hole in the market-place

"I worked at Brides magazine for two years and then got a job at an ad agency. One of my co-workers at the agency used to work at Sony Records. We

Quoted

"If you have an idea, tell everyone you can. You never know who that person might know."

Kim Kaupe, co-founder of ZinePak

hatched this idea of putting magazines and music together, and out came ZinePak. We wanted to create special packages for fans. It was something that didn't exist before."

2. Partner with someone who has the strengths you lack

"My business partner and I fit together perfectly because one of us has the strengths that the other person doesn't. Find someone you gel with and shares your views, but also brings a unique perspective."

3. Tell everyone your idea

"There's this common misconception that when you come up with a great idea, you have to keep it to yourself because someone will steal it. It's really the opposite. If you have an

idea, tell everyone you can. You never know who that person might know. Or, they could have a way for you to improve your idea that you haven't thought of. We changed our entire product based on a suggestion a random customer emailed us. It pays to listen — literally."

4. If you're not an expert, find people who are

"Neither my partner nor I had a background in business. Going to meet-ups was essential for growing our business. There are meet-ups for everything: small business owner meet-ups, tech meet-ups, entrepreneur meet-ups... When I first started out, I thought I was the only person in the world who faced certain problems. But chances are, most other entrepreneurs that you talk to have wanted to throw their Quickbooks out the window too and might have a great suggestion that can help you. Whatever you need to learn how to do that you can't Google, there's someone out there who can help you."



Kim Kaupe, co-founder of ZinePak, suggests attending small-business meetups. CONTRIBUTED

5. Keep your overhead low

"The first year, my business partner and I worked from home using only our computers, cellphones and brains. It was just us hustling and

cold calling, saying 'Let us make this awesome product for you.' The less supplies you have to buy, the more money you'll make. Think, do you really need a ware-

house or paper printing machine? Chances are there's a company out there who it's cheaper to pay than renting space or buying all the materials yourself."

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Educators take note.

Through mariachi music, students find path to college

By the end of a recent weekend, the big achievement among Ramon Rivera's high school mariachi band wasn't that they had logged more than a thousand kilometres in a bus packed with musical instruments or that they had played two shows in front of large audiences.

It was that eight of them, all sons and daughters of Latino farm workers from the agricultural city of Wenatchee, had been accepted into Washington State University — the first in their families to gain admission to college.

"They could be the next lawyers, senators, doctors, and the next president of the United States," Rivera told a cheering theatre crowd that weekend during one of their shows.

The news was one of the success stories from the Wenatchee High School, where officials created a mariachi program to connect children of farm workers in the heart of Washington state's apple country with their heritage.

School officials say the class has helped students centre themselves and has even helped graduation rates.

It's not just for farm

The melody made me do it

"Mariachi is a leadership class for our students because it teaches them self-discipline, teaches them to work hard, teaches them how to be on time, teaches them to speak in front of an audience."

Ramon Rivera
Head of the Mariachi Huenachi program

workers' kids, however. Everyone's invited and some non-Latino kids have joined.

"Mariachi is a leadership class for our students because it teaches them self-discipline, teaches them to work hard, teaches them how to be on time, teaches them to speak in front of an audience," Rivera said.

"These are skills that can't be put down on a test," said Rivera, who moved to Wenatchee from the Los Angeles area in 2006 to take over the program, and reinforced the program's focus on higher education.

Wenatchee, located in north central Washington state, is built on agriculture, sending millions of apples, cherries and pears worldwide. Many of the fruits are picked by immigrant farm workers from Mexico and Central America. Some of their children work summers in the fields.

To connect with them,



Members of Wenatchee High School's Mariachi Huenachi program perform outside CenturyLink Field prior to a Seattle Sounders MLS soccer game in Seattle. TED S. WARREN / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the school district created the program using Mexico's mariachi music in 1997. The program is dubbed Mariachi Huenachi for the Spanish phonetic spelling of Wenatchee.

Now more than 300 students in the high school and middle school learn the soulful ballads.

Over 45 per cent of students at the Wenatchee school district are Latino; 20 per cent are migrant students. Nearly 60 per cent

of students are on free or reduced meal programs, an indicator of poverty, according to state figures.

Rivera is fully aware of those economic realities. "I think the best key to get out of poverty is to get your education. The best way to help your family is to get your education," he said.

To reach his students, Rivera approaches his task from various angles. First, he requires a 3.0 GPA to play.

To perform with the trav-

elling group, students must try out. Students in the top group are well versed in playing the violin, guitar, trumpet and the "guitaron," a large six-string guitar used by mariachis. Some students also must sing.

He keeps his students busy, filling in many weekends with performances across the state. One weekend it's a gig at the Sounders game in Seattle. Another weekend is a show at a Tacoma theatre or at the state

Give this band a hand

- Rivera's efforts have been lauded by the University of Washington, giving his program a certificate of recognition last year. The eight students accepted at Washington State University were given certificates in a ceremony in November.

- Since then, another student has been accepted into college this school year.

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The students also play at senior centres around their town.

They log their activities, and use them to pad their college, scholarship and job applications.

But for the 25-member travelling class, which is the varsity group of the whole program and usually for juniors and seniors, those trips are important beyond the chance to sing in front of different audiences.

Along with shows, Rivera tries to schedule visits to universities and community colleges, a way for students whose families don't have the means to go on college tours and get to visit a campus.

At the colleges, counselors meet with the students to inform them about scholarships and loans.

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Use the holidays to disconnect so you can focus



LESSONS FROM
THE DESERT
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The severe market crash in October 2008 changed my life. I started running to regain my health, both emotional and physical. Shortly after I took my first steps, I ran the Gobi March in China in June '09, followed by the Atacama Crossing in Chile in '10 and the Sahara Race in Egypt in '11. In this post, I share a lesson about life, learned from the desert.

We are all aware of the big challenges facing us, but frequently our mind's time is focused on all the other smaller distractions around us. As we all have a set amount of energy we can summon to deal with adversity; the question is: are we keeping the required amount to deal with the big issues?

I have found that email is possibly the most omnipresent and intrusive of all distractions.

One of the gifts the desert offered was to get completely unplugged; the race was designed as unaided, meaning phones, email, text, or video were prohibited.

Devoid of distractions, the outcome for all racers was the opportunity to focus on the task at hand and be at one with the difficult environ-

ment, without interference. Despite being completely depleted by the physical and emotional stress of the race, there was a heightened sense of lucidity from being present and in the moment. In retrospect, I believe the race required 100 per cent of my focus in order to be completed.

The holiday period, away from the office, may be a special time of the year to re-define our relationship to the invasive email noise that we all carry everywhere with us.

Being present is a gift we rarely afford ourselves nowadays. Overcoming obstacles requires undivided attention. To do so, consider getting unplugged.

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A bon voyage in your own backyard

Student staycation.

If you're not travelling during this break, there are ways to beat the holiday blues

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It's December, and a definite chill is in the air. An exotic vacation is a good cure for the wintertime blues, but it's a luxury that many can't afford. If a vacation isn't in your budget, don't worry! You can still have an amazing winter break. By turning your time off into a 'staycation' you can enjoy all of the benefits of a vacation while remaining close to home.

Enjoy the great outdoors

It might be tempting to stay indoors all break, but try to enjoy the great outdoors at least once. Get fit and boost your health with seasonal activities.



Check out your local tourism board for indoor entertainment ideas. Many attractions offer student discounts and off-hours discounts. ISTOCK

Cross-country skiing is a great activity to build endurance and core muscles, while skating builds balance. Physical activity is also a natural mood-booster and a great way to fight the wintertime blues.

Though winter activities

can be expensive, there are ways to enjoy the outdoors without spending a lot. Many areas have outdoor public skating rinks that are either free to use, or cost only a few dollars.

Keep your costs down at the ski slopes by asking if

they offer student discounts, or discounted rates for off-hours such as weekday evenings.

Equipment such as skates, skis and snowboards can be bought at used sporting goods store for a fraction of their original price — go

ASAP to get the best selection of gently used equipment.

Enjoy the great indoors

Do you wish the cold weather would let up already?

It might be tempting to cocoon yourself at home, but that gets boring pretty quickly. Instead, use your time to visit local indoor attractions. Keep yourself in an active mindset by choosing learning-based activities.

Instead of watching the History Channel, visit a local museum or art gallery. Forgo the Food Network and attend a cooking class. Instead of watching National Geographic Channel, immerse yourself in a new culture by visiting a cultural heritage centre.

Consider visiting lesser-known attractions to learn something unique to and enjoy low entry fees. While large cities are filled with indoor attractions, even small towns have options.

Consider taking a day trip to a neighbouring area and exploring an unfamiliar

Rent a hotel room

- Nothing will make you feel more like a real tourist than packing your bags and spending a night in a hotel.
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Leafs goalie Jonathan Bernier prepares for a shot from Rangers forward Rick Nash on Monday night at Madison Square Garden. FRANK FRANKLIN II/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Maple Leafs go into Christmas break cold

NHL. Bernier gives his best, but Buds fall to Rangers in shootout

Mats Zuccarello and Derek Stepan scored shootout goals, and backup goalie Cam Talbot earned his second win in two nights as the New York Rangers shook off a late tying tally to beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 2-1 Monday night. Zuccarello and Stepan scored in the first two rounds,

On Monday

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Rangers

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Maple Leafs

and Talbot stopped Nazem Kadri in the third to end it. Kadri scored a disputed goal with 1:24 left in regulation to force overtime.

Jonathan Bernier was ex-

ceptional for Toronto, making 42 saves through overtime and allowing only J.T. Miller's goal 7:04 into the third period. The Maple Leafs played their third straight shootout and lost for the second consecutive time. They are 2-5-2 in their last nine.

It looked as though Miller's goal would stand up as the winner, but Kadri changed that. David Clarkson took two whacks at the puck at the left post, and Talbot appeared to cover it, but Kadri poked it in under Talbot's glove.

The play went to video review and the goal was ruled good just 10 seconds after the Rangers killed a penalty.

Talbot, starting over slumping No. 1 netminder Henrik Lundqvist for the second straight game, bounced back from the late goal and improved to 8-2 in his first NHL season. He made 24 saves Sunday in a 4-1 win over Minnesota and helped New York finish its team-record nine-game homestand 3-4-2.

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NBA

'Melo banged up but Knicks hold on for rare win

Carmelo Anthony had 19 points before leaving the game with a sprained left ankle in the third quarter, but the New York Knicks were able to stave off a fierce charge to preserve a 103-98 victory over the Orlando Magic on Monday night.

New York led by as many as 25 points before having its lead cut all the way to a basket in the fourth quarter. Beno Udrih hit six straight free throws in the final 26 seconds to help preserve the win.

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World juniors

Drouin, Horvat, McDavid help Canada top Swiss

Jonathan Drouin scored twice to lead Canada's national junior hockey squad to a 4-1 exhibition win over Switzerland on Monday.

It was the final tune-up for Canada, which opens the world junior tournament Thursday against Germany.

Canada finished with a 2-1 exhibition record but was coming off a 3-0 loss to Sweden on Sunday.

Bo Horvat and Connor McDavid had the other goals for Canada. Jake Paterson stopped 23 shots in goal.

Yannick Rathgeb replied for Switzerland while Melvin Nyffeler made 29 saves.

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Salmons going swimmingly in T.O.

NBA. Veteran has made a big impact since joining Raptors in trade for Gay

Whether it's with aggressive defence against an opponent's best player or serving an additional offensive facilitator late in close games, John Salmons is giving the Raptors something they've longed for for years:

A savvy, cool, experienced hand who has been through the skirmishes and who knows how to play.

Acting as some kind of standard for a young team to emulate — and willing to take as much responsibility that he can get, the 34-year-old Salmons is turning into the best short-term acquisition the Raptors got in the franchise-altering trade of Rudy Gay.

"He's played in the playoffs, he's been a leader a long time,



The Raptors' John Salmons defends Kevin Durant of the Thunder on Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

played with a lot of great guys," DeMar DeRozan said of Salmons. "He knows how to play the game. He knows what to do when he's out there with the ball in his hands, like (Sunday) he took control of it and that's big to have a vet like that."

Salmons' contribution to To-

ronto's surprising 104-98 win over the Oklahoma City Thunder cannot be understated. He had nine of his 14 points in the fourth quarter and was part of a swarming defence that held the Thunder to 14 points and 5-for-25 shooting in the final 12 minutes.

Salmons is not a leader in the vocal, get-in-your-face mode of, say, a Charles Oakley in a bygone Raptors era. But he seems preternaturally calm in key points in close games, an attribute that has to rub off on his teammates.

It's not to say Salmons is the savior for a gaping wound in the roster but his style can be contagious and teach good lessons rather than ones about failure.

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On the web

For the result of Monday's Raptors-Spurs game, go to metronews.ca.



NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	36	24	10	2	100	75	50
Tampa Bay	37	23	11	3	106	87	49
Montreal	38	22	13	3	96	84	47
Detroit	39	17	13	9	99	108	43
Toronto	39	18	16	5	106	113	41
Ottawa	39	15	17	7	111	126	37
Florida	38	14	19	5	88	123	33
Buffalo	37	10	24	3	66	105	23

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	39	27	11	1	121	88	55
Washington	37	19	14	4	117	112	42
Philadelphia	37	17	16	4	93	104	38
NY Rangers	38	18	18	2	88	102	38
New Jersey	37	15	15	7	90	94	37
Columbus	37	16	17	4	101	106	36
Carolina	37	14	15	8	86	105	36
NY Islanders	38	11	20	7	96	129	29

Monday's results

NY Rangers 2 Toronto 1 (SO)
Ottawa 5 Pittsburgh 0
NY Islanders 3 Detroit 0
Tampa Bay 6 Florida 1
Anaheim 3 Washington 2
Columbus 4 Carolina 3
Buffalo 2 Phoenix 1 (OT)
Philadelphia 4 Minnesota 1
New Jersey 4 Chicago
Boston at Nashville
St. Louis at Calgary
Winnipeg at Edmonton
Dallas at Los Angeles
Colorado at San Jose

Sunday's results

NY Rangers 4 Minnesota 1
Vancouver 2 Winnipeg 1
Friday's games
Ottawa at Boston, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Columbus at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
NY Rangers at Washington, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	38	25	7	6	140	105	56
St. Louis	35	24	7	4	125	81	52
Colorado	35	23	10	2	102	83	48
Minnesota	39	20	14	5	88	96	45
Dallas	35	17	12	6	101	105	40
Winnipeg	38	16	17	5	101	110	37
Nashville	36	16	16	4	83	103	36

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	39	27	7	5	127	98	59
Los Angeles	37	25	8	4	104	71	54
San Jose	36	22	8	6	116	90	50
Vancouver	39	22	11	6	106	93	50
Phoenix	36	19	10	7	111	110	45
Calgary	36	13	17	6	91	115	32
Edmonton	38	11	24	3	95	135	25

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Saturday's games

Detroit at Florida, 7 p.m.
Boston at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at NY Islanders, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Edmonton, 10 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Crosby, Pgh	20	34	54
Kane, Chi	21	27	48
Getzlaf, Ana	19	24	43
Ovechkin, Wash	30	11	41
Malkin, Pgh	9	32	41
Backstrom, Wash	8	33	41
Perry, Ana	22	18	40
Kunitz, Pgh	20	19	39
Steen, STL	24	14	38
Tavares, NYI	13	25	38
Thornton, SJ	5	32	37
Seguin, Dal	18	17	35
Marleau, SJ	16	19	35
Sharp, Chi	16	18	34
St. Louis, TBL	15	19	34
Karlsson, Ott	9	25	34
Kessel, Tor	17	16	33
Duchene, Col	16	17	33

Monday's games not included

NFL

WEEK 16

Monday's result

Atlanta at San Francisco

Sunday's results

Cincinnati 42 Minnesota 14
N.Y. Jets 24 Cleveland 13
Denver 37 Houston 13
Indianapolis 23 Kansas City 7
St. Louis 23 Tampa Bay 13
Buffalo 19 Miami 0
Tennessee 20 Jacksonville 16
Dallas 24 Washington 23
Carolina 17 New Orleans 13
N.Y. Giants 23 Detroit 20 (OT)
Arizona 17 Seattle 10
Pittsburgh 38 Green Bay 31
New England 41 Baltimore 7
San Diego 26 Oakland 13
Philadelphia 54 Chicago 11

NBA

Monday's results

Charlotte 111 Milwaukee 110 (OT)
New York 103 Orlando 98
Detroit 115 Cleveland 92
Indiana 103 Brooklyn 86
Memphis 104 Utah 94
Dallas 111 Houston 104
Miami 122 Atlanta 121 (OT)
Toronto at San Antonio
Golden State at Denver
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix
New Orleans at Sacramento

Sunday's results

Indiana 106 Boston 79
Toronto 104 Oklahoma City 98
L.A. Clippers 120 Minnesota 116 (OT)
Wednesday's games
Chicago at Brooklyn, noon
Oklahoma City at New York, 2:30 p.m.
Miami at L.A. Lakers, 5 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's games

Atlanta at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Houston, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

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Cost of borrowing is \$175.79 for a total finance obligation of \$17,167.44 with \$0 down or equivalent trade-in. *\$1,500 // \$1,500 // \$3,000 // \$1,500 // \$2,000 // \$3,500 // \$2,000 // \$2,500 // \$4,000 // \$5,000 // \$5,000 customer cash incentive is valid on remaining new 2013 Fit (except DX) // 2013 Civic Coupe and Sedan (except DX Sedan) // 2013 Accord Coupe (except EX Coupe 6MT) // 2013 Accord Sedan (except LX Sedan 6MT, EX-L V6 Sedan and Touring V6 Sedan) // 2013 Accord EX-L V6 Sedan and Touring V6 Sedan // 2013 Crosstour EX 2WD and EX-L 2WD // 2013 Crosstour EX-L 4WD and EX-L 4WD NAVI // 2013 CR-V (except LX 2WD) // 2013 Odyssey // 2013 Pilot // 2013 Ridgeline models when registered and delivered between December 3rd, 2013 and January 2nd, 2014. Cash incentive is available for all Honda retail customers except customers who lease or finance through HFS at a subvented rate of interest offered by Honda as part of a low rate interest program. 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Buick Regal could rule the roads

2014 Buick Regal. One step closer to being first choice over a Euro sedan instead of an alternative

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The Euro-inspired, North America-built Buick Regal represents a significant shift in thinking for General Motors' entry-premium division.

Since its 2012-model-year arrival, the Regal has dared to challenge similar BMW, Mercedes-Benz and Audi offerings. It has also become a viable alternative for mid-size entry-luxury buyers, regardless of national origin. Along with the subsequent introduction of the smaller Verano sedan and even smaller Encore wagon, Buick has likely left the dwindling knot of traditional Buick buyers wondering what has become of their cherished brand.

Inside, the reshaped dashboard has a 4.2-inch (10.7 centimetre) display screen between the dual gauge pods that shows basic vehicle info. In addition, a new eight-inch (20-centimetre) touch screen for the climate, navigation, communications and infotainment systems can also be operated through steering-wheel controls.

Under the hood has been simplified. Previously, you could pick between the base turbo-charged 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine with 220 horsepower and 258-pound-feet of torque, and a version that made 270 horsepower and 270 pound-feet of torque (the GS model).

Newly optional for turbo models is an all-wheel-drive system that in normal driving splits the torque equally



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2014 Buick Regal

- **Type.** Four-door, front-/all-wheel-drive mid-size sedan
- **Engines (hp).** 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (259); 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (182)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic; six-speed manual (opt.)
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$34,800

Design

For the 2014 model year, the Regal receives mid-production cycle adjustments that begin with front and rear restyling, including a more prominent grille plus new front and rear LED lighting.

Fuel economy

For 2014, it's down to a single turbo engine pegged at 259 horsepower and a stout 295 pound-feet. It's rated at 10.1 l/100 km in the city and 6.6 on the highway with the six-speed automatic transmission, and 10.2/6.3 with the six-speed manual (available only with the GS).

between the front and rear tires, but can deploy up to 90 per cent to the rears when the front wheels start to lose traction. AWD is not offered for the optional (and non-turbocharged) 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine that combines with a 15-horsepower electric motor and lithium-

ion battery pack to make 182 horsepower and 172 pound-feet of torque.

The partial-hybrid system, called eAssist, controls the car's stop-start function to conserve fuel at stoplights and in stop-and-go traffic. The eAssist also kicks in when the Regal is accelerating, but

unlike a "full hybrid" powertrain, the electric motor never operates independently of the gas engine. A six-speed automatic is the sole eAssist transmission choice.

The AWD option allows the Regal to keep up with the changing times and the competition, as does the

availability of camera-based blind-spot warning and cross-traffic alerts, the latter of which points out traffic that's crossing into your backup path. There's also forward-collision warning that lets you know when you're too close to traffic in front.

Regal shoppers can choose from base, Premium I, Premium II and GS models. For \$34,800 (including destination charges), the base car arrives with a considerable load of gear, including dual-zone climate control, leather seat covers (heated in front), 12-way power driver's seat and an electric parking brake. \

Other items, such as a power sunroof, navigation with rear-vision camera and an up-level nine-speaker Bose-brand sound system, are added as you move up the trim levels.

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You would think that the most expensive street-legal Camaro coupe ever made would at least include air conditioning, a fancy stereo, power-adjustable seats and possibly a competition-beating supercharged engine.

But that's not the case with the Z/28, a designation that conjures up images of high-winding, race-bred Camaros dating back to 1967. However, you likely won't hear any price complaints from eager buyers who are expected to gobble up the first year's production run of 1,500 vehicles as fast as they depart the factory floor beginning in early 2014.

Although more than capable on the street, the "Z" was really created (or re-created, since the Z/28 label along with the previous-generation Camaro were retired after the 2002 model year) to perform in stellar fashion in competition. For drivers who would rather put in some fast laps around the racetrack than putt their way around a golf course on weekends, this is the Camaro of their dreams.

For such a low-volume model, Chevy's engineers invested considerable time and effort to ensure the Z/28 will live up to its past glory and lay a beating on high-priced competitors. Part of that process included pruning some weight, including the deletion of the power-seat adjusters, eliminating the rear-seat frame and trunk pass-through structure, installing thinner rear window glass and transferring the air conditioning unit over to the options list.

Additionally, Chevrolet has reduced the wheel diameter to 19 inches from the 20-inch units used on the Camaro SS 1LE track car and ZL1 models, thus eliminating 18.6 kilograms in unsprung weight while lowering the car's centre of gravity.

Overall, the Z/28 weighs about 135 kilograms less than the ZL1 model — the heaviest Camaro, by the way — that runs with a supercharged 6.2-litre V8 rated at 580 horsepower and 556 pound-feet of torque. The Z/28 actually weighs



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The Z/28 omits some standard creature comforts in the interest of saving weight, such as air conditioning, which is optional.



The Z/28's engine is the 505-horsepower LS7 7.0-litre (427-cubic-inch)

2014 Chevrolet Camaro Z/28

- **Type.** Two-door, rear-wheel-drive coupe
- **Engines (hp).** 7.0-litre OHV V8 (505)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$70,000

equal amount of braking force, thanks to the fade-free Brembo-brand carbon-ceramic brakes that weigh considerably less than comparable iron rotors.

The Z/28's interior is just as go-fast-focused as the rest of the car. There's a flat-bottomed steering wheel and Recaro racing-style seats with grippy suede-covered bottoms and cutouts for installation of an aftermarket five-point racing harness.

Clearly, this extra-special Camaro isn't your average grocery getter or stoplight poseur. It's built for drivers who can afford to drop an estimated \$70,000 for a car with everything an enthusiast needs to exercise his or her need for speed.

about the same as a base V8 Camaro.

To do this, the car instead borrows the 2013 Chevrolet Corvette Z06's high-revving 7.0-litre non-supercharged V8 engine that makes 505 horsepower and 481 pound-feet of torque. Without a supercharger, the 7.0 weighs 29 kilograms less than the 6.2 engine found in the Camaro ZL1.

As with the Z06, the Z/28 uses a dry-sump oil system (a 10-litre remote tank instead of the usual oil pan) to ensure a continuous oil stream

to all vital components during high-speed manoeuvres.

As well, engine and transmission/differential oil coolers reduce heat build-up and aid reliability when these components are pushed to the max. This is also good insurance since the Z/28's powertrain warranty also covers extracurricular track use.

What the Z/28 does share with its ZL1 counterpart is a close-ratio six-speed manual transmission that, like the car's extra-stiff suspension and unique shock dampers,

has been beefed up for the rigours of track duty.

Numerically, the Z/28 falls short of the ZL1 in terms of raw horsepower and torque, but the Z/28 is likely much quicker around a racetrack, simply because it's built more for that purpose.

Along with its reduced heft over the ZL1, the Z/28 features plenty of race-bred tricks up its sleeves. Aerodynamic upgrades include a lower chin spoiler (called a splitter), front and rear fender flares, rocker

panel moldings and a hood vent for ducting otherwise trapped air from the engine compartment. As well, an aggressively shaped rear spoiler improves high-speed stability and cornering speed, aided by a set of sticky Pirelli PZero Trofeo R-compound tires mounted to 11-inch-wide alloy wheels in front and 11.5-inches in back. The tires — more than a foot wide — are the same on all four corners.

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Kia's Sedona minivan delivered plenty of safety, convenience and affordability — as well as a high 'volume per dollar' ratio that challenged competitors like the Honda Odyssey, Nissan Quest, Toyota Sienna and the segment's sales superstar, the Dodge Grand Caravan.

Features included cruise control, steering-wheel mounted audio controls, Bluetooth and more. Projector lights and a windshield wiper defroster helped with all-season visibility.

A backup camera, power sliding doors, a power tailgate and power adjustable pedals were available.

Common issues

In light of reports of alternator problems and issues with battery charging, a check of the Sedona's electrical system by a Kia-trained mechanic should be made ahead of your purchase.

The out-of-warranty cost of parts and labour to replace an alternator on a Sedona are relatively high.

Drivability issues like sporadic acceleration, hard starting, stalling, reduced power output or 'lumpy' power delivery could be the result of a bad engine sensor.

A scan of the engine con-



trol computer system can reveal any hidden sensor-related issues, even if the vehicle is running properly on your test-drive.

Hard shifting, slipping or failure to shift from the transmission may be the result of faulty sensors which control this driveline component.

If you note any strange or unwelcome behavior from the transmission during your test-drive, be sure to have it investigated before agreeing to purchase.

Note that some owners have

reported oil leaks on the 2011 and newer Sedona from the oil filter housing or oil pressure switch. These are relatively easy to fix.

On the electrical front, check for proper operation of the headlights too — as numerous owners report having to change burned-out bulbs frequently.

Listen to the power windows, one at a time, to ensure they make no grinding or scraping sounds during operation. If they do, a bad window regulator is the likely culprit.

What owners like



Ride comfort, seat comfort, space, at-hand storage facilities and overall flexibility were all highly rated by Sedona owners. Performance is highly rated with either powertrain, and the second-row climate control system was a hit with parents, too.

Not so popular



Some cheap interior controls, a potentially noisy air conditioning system, easily-chipped paint and mediocre gas mileage are among the most common complaints.

Engine



A 3.8 litre V6 with 244 horsepower powered earlier models, replaced from 2011 on by a 3.5 litre V6 with 271 horsepower which offered better mileage and acceleration.

The verdict

Sedona's lower-than-average resale values, high performance and lengthy list of features will create appeal for used minivan shoppers on a budget — though a full electronics inspection and computer scan by a Kia dealer mechanic is advised.

Weighing the pros and cons of leasing

There are many factors to consider when deciding if leasing a vehicle is the best option.

To start with, you'll need to consider your lifestyle, as well as driving habits and financial circumstances before making any decisions.

For some initial insights, Chevrolet Canada gives us the right questions to ask alongside some valuable information:

What are the financial benefits of leasing?

Only the depreciation value of the vehicle is used to calculate monthly payments in comparison to the full price of the vehicle used in loan repayment cal-

culations.

In addition, lease holders only pay taxes on their monthly payments and tax benefits are offered to those that are self-employed, as well as salespeople and some professionals.

How long do you intend to keep your vehicle?

Keep in mind that lease terms are shorter than most financing terms.

Lease holders get to drive a new vehicle more often with lease periods typically ranging from 36 to 48 months.

At the end of your lease period, you have the option to purchase the vehicle from your dealer at a re-

duced rate or upgrade to a newer model under a different contract.

What kind of vehicle would you like to drive?

Monthly payments for lease holders are typically lower than the payments of those who choose to finance. This means that drivers have the option of choosing a more luxurious vehicle for a lower monthly payment.

What is the length of my commuting time?

There will typically be a kilometre limit during the period of the lease contract.

Potential lease holders should take an honest look at their driving habits and

consider if the limit is realistic given their driving habits to avoid additional charges based on kilometres in excess of the limit.

Is maintenance included?

You should always speak with your local dealer about maintenance before signing your contract. Depending on the options available at your dealership, regular maintenance may be included.

If maintenance isn't included, the lease holder is still expected to return a properly maintained vehicle at the end of the contract period.

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The kids have spoken, Comet and Blitzen rule

Maritz Research survey.
1.2 billion children vote
two reindeer best to lead
Santa's sleigh this Xmas



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According to a survey that compiled the feedback of 1.2 billion children worldwide, Blitzen and Comet are equally qualified to lead Santa's sleigh on Christmas Eve.

The survey was conducted last year by Maritz Research.

Canadian-based Chris Travel, is the company's vice-president of strategic consulting for the firm's automotive sector practice, and routinely

sends us lots of good information about the Canadian automotive scene through the company's many automotive-based consumer surveys and focus groups.

I always look forward to the accurate and timely studies Maritz provides, but I have to admit this one, which Maritz is calling the Reindeer Customer Satisfaction and Santa Support Survey, sounds a bit bogus.

How can you even contact 1.2 billion children worldwide without hearing about it on the major news organizations, like TMZ Live or eTalk Daily hosted by Ben Mulroney and Tanya Kim?

But we will give Maritz the benefit of doubt today because it's super timely with Christmas coming tomorrow, and I don't have time to dig deeper into the methodology (the

malls close early today).

Before getting into the meat of the survey, Travel did have to clarify a couple of items ... "We did not include Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, because of course Rudolph did not come along until 1939 when he was created by Robert L. May for the Montgomery Ward Catalogue.

"Nor did we include Chet the crazy reindeer from the 2002 Santa Clause II movie with Tim Allen ... Chet was so far out there it would have skewed our data."

So the kids were asked to comment only on the original eight reindeer, and give their personal opinion on how each would measure up for Santa on three important criteria.

On the first measure — reliability and dependability — Comet led all contenders with a 37 per cent approval score.

Maritz's automotive surveys usually ask about interior comfort, but for this study they substituted exterior comfort. Blitzen was top reindeer in this category.

Fun to drive is a very important criteria, noted Travel, "because that's the kind of guy that Santa is..." Comet topped the charts here, with a whopping 67 per cent score.

For the last criteria, fit and finish, Blitzen scored another overall win.

Frankly, I was surprised Vixen didn't do better in this category.

But when Maritz tallied everything, to come up with an overall winner, Blitzen and Comet were tied!

What to do?

"Because of this unprecedented situation, where we had two reindeer so evenly matched, we had to go to an independent panel of experts," said Travel, holding up a cast picture of the animated characters in the 1965 movie. Ru-

dolph the Red Nosed Reindeer — you know, the one with Hermey, the dentist wannabe elf, and that weird abominable snowman known as The Bumble. (Are we to believe this is an actual panel of experts? My bogus meter is going on overdrive, but press on we must...)

"Based on their extensive deliberations, they decided, after many hours, that Blitzen is the reindeer, to lead Santa's sleigh," noted Travel.

He then thanked the “1.2 billion children who participated in our survey” and wished everyone the very best for the holiday season. I’ll do the same.

The breakdown

- Reindeer Customer Satisfaction Survey

- The categories:

- 1) Reliability & Dependability
- 2) Fit & Finish
- 3) Exterior Comfort
- 4) Fun to Drive

- **Blitzen:** 1) 25.5% ... 2) 37.0% ... 3) 67.5% ... 4) 20.5%
- **Comet:** ... 37% ... 25.5% ... 20.5% ... 67.5%
- **Prancer:** ... 17.5% ... 5.0% ... 0.5% ... 5.5%
- **Donner:** ... 6.0% ... 4.0% ... 5.5% ... 1.5%
- **Dasher:** ... 4.5% ... 2.5% ... 0.5% ... 1.5%
- **Cupid:** ... 4.0% ... 12.0% ... 0.5% ... 1.0%
- **Dancer:** ... 3.5% ... 5.5% ... 3.0% ... 1.5%
- **Vixen:** 2.0% ... 7.5% ... 1.5% ... 1.5%

SOURCE: AUTOMOTIVE PRACTICE OF MARITZ RESEARCH; 1.2 BILLION SAMPLE SURVEY. RUDOLF AND CHET NOT PART OF SURVEY, DUE TO OVER-EXPOSURE, WHICH CAN SERIOUSLY SKEW DATA.

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In winter weather, you're always being told to "drive for the conditions." But do you know exactly what that means, and how to stay safe?

"You need to consider snow, ice, slush, darkness, traffic, glare, and how your car responds to cold," says Scott Marshall, director of training for Young Drivers of Canada. "You're not going to have the traction, nor will the drivers around you, so don't put your life in the hands of the driver next to you." Whenever possible, don't stay alongside other vehicles, but drive in a staggered formation. That way, if a driver nearby slides and fishtails, there's far less chance you'll

Tips

- **Kit.** Keep a personal kit in your car, including gloves, hat, emergency candle with lighter, and non-perishable food items. Women who wear high heels should pack a pair of flat-heeled boots.

- **Cleanliness.** Always clean all the snow off your car completely before driving, including all windows, headlights, and taillights.

- **Washer fluid.** Carry an extra jug of washer fluid in your vehicle at all times.



Always consider the elements and lower your speed. CHRYSLER



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get hit.

Posted speed limits are for ideal conditions, which means on dry roads and with good visibility. Any time that's not the case, reduce your speed. If you're on the highway and you have to drive very slowly to feel safe, get off and take a lower-speed road.

Braking distance gets

much longer the faster you're going, and it will take even longer to stop on slippery roads. "The first mistake people make is judging their following distances in car lengths, instead of time," Marshall says. "When the car in front passes something like a light pole, start counting. In normal conditions in the city, you should be

two seconds from the driver ahead. Highway speed is three seconds, and once you add slippery conditions, you need to increase that significantly."

Winter tires always give you better traction, even on dry roads, any time the thermometer falls below 7C. At that temperature, their softer compound means they're better able to grip the road than all-

season tires. Checking the tire pressure regularly will also ensure that the tires can do their job properly.

If there's a snow plow in front of you, stay at least 7 meters (25 feet) behind it. "Give them a chance to clear the road," Marshall says. Be careful crossing any snow windows the plow leaves behind, since they will affect your control.

Should the weather be really bad, stay home if you can. If you're on the highway and run into bad conditions, get off at the next exit and look for someplace to wait it out, such as a restaurant or hotel. "Being on the shoulder of the highway is not the safest place to stop and wait for a few hours," Marshall says. "Don't get stranded."

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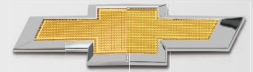
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March 21 - April 20

Something you have been working on for a long time will bear fruit today. Others may say you've been lucky but the fact is you have laboured long and hard to get this far.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You will handle everything life throws at you with grace and style. The planets endow you with limitless self-confidence and the kind of faith that moves mountains.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You will have to take on new responsibilities over the next few days, including some of a financial nature. Show the world you have what it takes to handle difficult situations.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Although the sun in Capricorn brings partnership problems to the fore, Mercury in your opposite sign will make it easier for you to see things from the other person's point of view.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Matters of a routine nature will take up a lot of time but once you have completed your tasks you can move on to something more interesting. Whatever else you do today, don't cut corners.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

This should be a productive day for you — you will get a lot done in a short space of time. Make the most of it because as you move into the New Year not everything will come quite so easily.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Partners and colleagues will demand more of your time and attention today and if you are smart you will give it to them.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You will get the chance to move up in the world in some way over the next few days and even though your mind may be on other things you must grab the opportunity.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Money matters must come first today and with Mercury joining the sun in the main financial area of your chart you will get the chance to balance the books.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Decide what is the most important thing you should be doing right now and do it to the exclusion of all else. Your efforts will not be wasted.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

What happens today will convince you that life is good and about to get even better. The only reason that your thoughts have been so negative of late is because you have allowed your emotions to blot out common sense. Time to rebalance.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

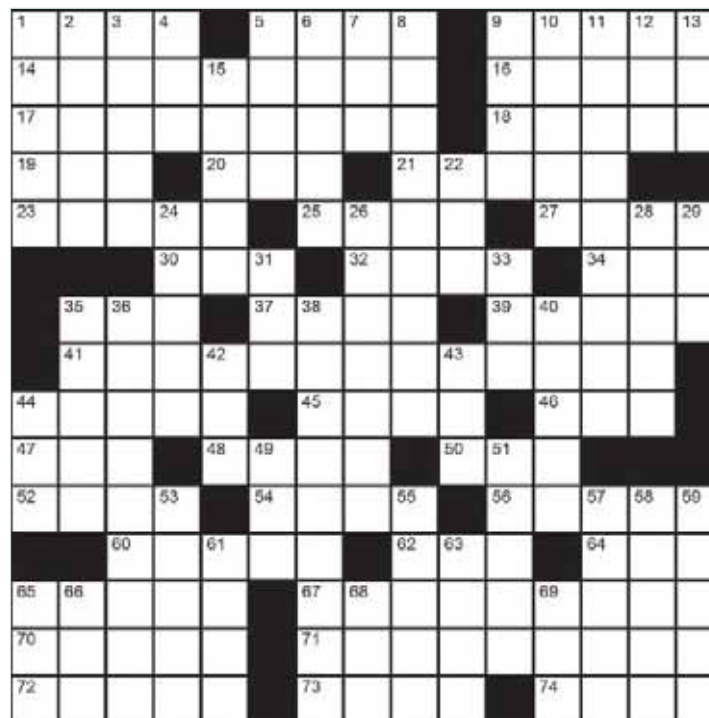
Try not to get too emotionally involved in other people's problems. Life is full of ups and downs, and so a more light-hearted approach from you today will be an example for them to follow.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. "Hush! I ___ the phone!"
5. Gentle
9. "___ Old St. Nicholas"
14. Artist's work
16. Grow like ___
17. Saint-Jean-sur-___, Quebec
18. Distributes
19. Pitcher's stat.
20. ___ mode
21. Pancake dish of Russia
23. Mailing enclosures, commonly
25. Nero's 651
27. Poinsettia part
30. Texter's "incidentally"
32. Jump
34. ___ Cone
35. Overseas MTV honour (acronym)
37. Alum
39. Barbera's cartooning partner
41. The Huron Carol bit: "That mighty ___ / Sent angel choirs instead."
44. Via ship: 2 wds.
45. Singer/songwriter Marvin
46. Prefix to "light"
47. Appropriate
48. Thailand currency
50. Premium car
52. French for "here and there": Ici ___
54. Ancient portico
56. Distressed cries



60. Saskatchewan village between Regina and Saskatoon
62. American ailer since '71
64. Furrow-maker
65. Helicopter part
67. Ontario community east of London
70. Satire

71. Where Canada is trying to lay territorial claim, as in recent headlines: 2 wds.
72. Holiday hue
73. Fellows
74. Belonging to an undercover agent

Down

1. ___ski

2. Ballerina/actress Ms. Shearer of The Red Shoes (1948)
3. Killer whales
4. To the ___ power
5. Richard of Night Court
6. Ancient tale
7. Prevarication
8. ___ Canada (Book publisher)

9. Actress Ms. Gertz
10. Buck of Hee Haw
11. "Oh, the weather outside is frightful..." Christmas carol: 3 wds.
12. Jeans brand
13. Li'l length units
15. Spread
22. Irish coronation stone, ___ Fail

24. Online retail discount
26. Mott's beverage
28. Boredom
29. Bygone bird
31. Early 1920s President [monogram]
33. ___ Beta Kappa
35. The Prince of ___ (1998)
36. Festive foliage
38. Position in hockey: 2 wds.
40. When management might return from lunch, ___
42. Music legend Mr. Calloway
43. Bird bill
44. UK defence contractor, ___ Systems
49. Mount ___ (Volcano of Japan)
51. Frankincense and ___
53. Solo
55. Furious
57. ___ it up (Celebrate)
58. Candy-on-a-stick
59. Monica of tennis
61. Welsh opera singer Mr. Terfel
63. Furry friends
65. Semi
66. Hockey Hall of Famer
68. ___ Turn (Road sign)
69. Madonna's first hubby ... his initials-sharers

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